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TAGS: TGEN,TECH,OTRA,UR

SUBJECT: S&T AGREEMENT: METROLOGY WORKING GROUP
MEETING (01.06): MCCOUBREY VISIT

REF: A. TECH/GOSNELL TELECON, 4/30/76
B. MOSCOW 4499

1. NBS APPRECIATES EMBASSY EFFORTS IN OBTAINING REVISED PROGRAM FROM GOSSTANDART FOR SUBJECT MEETING. NBS PRESENTLY STUDYING NEWLY OFFERED PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELECON AND WILL RESPOND EARLY NEXT WEEK WITH SPECIFIC ACTION REQUEST. NO ACTION NECESSARY AT THIS TIME. FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND, THERE FOLLOW TEXTS OF KUKHAR-MCCOUBREY COMMERCIAL CABLE, AND SUBSEQUENT PERSONAL REQUEST FROM AMBLER FOR INTERCESSION BY BOYTSOV. REGRET DELAY IN PROVIDING EMBASSY WITH TEXTS OF THIS INTERCHANGE.

2. TO MCCOUBREY (APRIL 21): "GLAD TO MEET YOU IN MOSCOW FOR MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF
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METROLOGY. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS, MEETING CAN BE HELD MAY

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17-23 (FYI: RATHER THAN MAY 9-27 AS REQUESTED. END FYI).
PROGRAM FORESEES VISIT TO VNIIMS IN MOSCOW AND VNIIM IN
LENINGRAD, FOLLOWED BY SIGNING OF PLAN FOR COOPERATION IN
1976-1977 AND MAKING DECISIONS CONCERNING FULFILLMENT OF
AGREED PROJECTS. CONFIRM DATES AND INFORM NUMBER OF FLIGHT.
DETAILS FOLLOW BY LETTER. SINCERELY, KUKHAR."
3. TO BOYTSOV (APRIL 24): "DR. MCCOUBREY HAS INFORMED ME
THAT KUKHAR'S CABLE DATED APRIL 21 PROPOSES RESTRICTED
MAY VISIT OF ONE WEEK AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH ONLY TWO
INSTITUTES. SURPRISINGLY, THIS IS CONSIDERABLY MORE
LIMITED PROGRAM THAN U.S. OR U.S.S.R. TEAMS EVEN ON
INDIVIDUAL PROJECT LEVEL USUALLY RECEIVE EITHER IN U.S. OR
U.S.S.R. AS DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN OCTOBER, I HAD CONSIDER-
ED MCCOUBREY VISIT AS BEGINNING IMPORTANT NEW PHASE IN OUR
RELATIONSHIP AND TURNING-POINT FOR MORE PRODUCTIVE
COOPERATION AND EXPANSION INTO RESEARCH AREA. WE HAVE
GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION TO VIEWS YOU PRESENTED TO ME
PERSONALLY LAST OVTOBER AND TO NEW PROPOSALS OF GOSSTANDART
AS OUTLINED IN RECENT LETTER FROM ISAYEV. I HAD AUTHORIZED
MCCOUBREY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC DETAILS AND AGREE ON NEW
WORK PLAN DURING HIS VISIT. SINCE HE WILL BE GUIDING
FUTURE JOINT ACTIVITY FROM U.S. SIDE, AND SINCE HE WAS
PLANNING TO CONSIDER WITH GOSSTANDART NEXT MONTH MAJOR NEW
DIRECTIONS IN OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, I FELT IT IMPORTANT
THAT HE SHOULD BECOME FAMILIAR WITH BROAD SEGMENT OF
GOSSTANDART ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SOVIET RESEARCH IN ORDER
TO MAKE DECISIONS ON FURUTE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. FOR THIS
PURPOSE, I HAD HOPED THAT HIS VISIT WOULD INCLUDE MORE THAN
JUST WORKING GROUP SESSION ITSELF AND THAT ITINERARY AND
PROGRAM WOULD BE SIMILAR TO MY OWN OF MAY, L972, BUT TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT HIS OWN SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS ALSO. IN FACT,
PROPOSALS IN HIS LETTER OF MARCH 9 WERE MADE CHIEFLY ON
BASIS OF MY OWN EXPERIENCES DURING THAT PROFITABLE AND
ENJOYABLE EARLIER TRIP. PROPOSED ITINERARY AND INSTITUTE
VISITS MENTIONED IN THAT LETTER ARE INITIAL SUGGESTIONS
SUBJECT TO REASONABLE ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS ACCORDING
TO THE INFORMED JUDGMENT AND BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND
YOUR STAFF. FROM REFERENCE CABLE, IT APPEARS THAT OUR
RESPECTIVE VIEWS ON MORE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THIS PARTICULAR
TRIP DIFFER. UNTIL THIS APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING IS
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CLARIFIED I REGRET UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE MAJOR EXPENDITURE
OF FUNDS FOR SUCH LIMITED PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED IN CABLE
AND RELUCTANTLY MUST CONSIDER CANCELING ALL ARRANGEMENTS.
HOWEVER, I MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IF CONFLICT WITH MAY 9
HOLIDAY IS CHIEF REASON FOR CURTAILMENT OF PROGRAM, WE
COULD CONSIDER POSTPONING START OF VISIT BY TWO OR THREE
DAYS IF THAT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,
VISIT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AGAIN FOR AT

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LEAST SIX MONTHS BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS. BEST
REGARDS. ERNEST AMBLER, ACTING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BUREAU
OF STANDARDS" SISCO

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